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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated August 7, 2001, including a Notification of Defective Oath or Declaration. Through several discussions with Ms. Charitta A. Burt, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office paralegal issuing these Notifications, Ms. Burt indicated that the Notifications were issued in error because the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office did not originally find the executed Declaration that was filed with the application.

On September 26, 2001, Ms. Burt indicated that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office had found the Declaration and has confirmed that there is no error. According to Ms. Burt, another Notification vacating the earlier erroneous Notifications should be issued. However, by telephone conference with Ms. Burt on November 6, 2001, said Notification vacating the earlier erroneous Notifications had still not yet been issued. Accordingly, this Response is being submitted to ensure a proper record on this matter, and to preserve the Applicant's rights. Should there be any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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No fee is believed necessary for this filing, since the original Notifications were issued in error by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Nevertheless, in the event that fees are deemed to be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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